



**2015 SANTA CRUZ FORESTRY CHALLENGE
STUDENT EVALUATION FORM**

74 Responses

Thank you for participating in the 2015 Santa Cruz Forestry Challenge. Without your enthusiastic participation, this event would not be possible. We would like to improve this event in the future, and you can help by completing this evaluation form. ***If you need more room, want to explain an answer, or let us know anything else, use the backside!*** Thank you.

1. Did you find the CFC website well organized and easy to use?

YES **60** / NO **6** / N/A **8**

2. Do you have any suggestions for improving the website?

- * **More pictures and videos, less writing – summarize**
- * **Maybe make a little more interactive**
- * **Update sooner – didn't get to view Focus Topic**
- * **Post the Focus Topic Question and maybe what we would do here**
- * **More pictures of campground sites and information for parents (how much running water is available and medical station location and what they have)**
- * **Post more history**
- * **Make more aesthetically pleasing to appeal to wider audience**
- * **Hire a graphic designer to make it more minimal and more aesthetically pleasing**
- * **Add more background info**
- * **Clearer links and navigation – Put links on cover page**
- * **Add links to CalFire**
- * **Add a discussion board**
- * **Add history of SDSF**
- * **Notification on home page that tells you about new information**

3. Please rate the following parts of the event:

Fieldtrip / Focus Topic	EXCELLENT	30	GOOD	34	FAIR	11	POOR	1
Field Training and Test	EXCELLENT	34	GOOD	32	FAIR	7	POOR	1
Food / Accommodations	EXCELLENT	31	GOOD	34	FAIR	8	POOR	0
Social Activities	EXCELLENT	19	GOOD	24	FAIR	27	POOR	4

4. What was your favorite academic part of the event and why?

Field Training (Learning Tools, Hands on) – 22

Field Trip – 20

Field Testing – 18

Working with Foresters – 3

Classifying trees – 3

Focus Topic – 3

Working on presentation – 2

5. What was your favorite non-academic part of the event and why?

Campfire (marshmallows) – 20

Getting to know people – 17

Food/Eating – 14

Social activities – 10

Free time – 9

Socializing at meals - 6

Beauty/Serenity of the Forest – 5

Play structures (slide, swings) – 4

Cabin time (Hacke sack) – 4

Hot drinks lounge – 2

Pacing contest – 1

Volleyball - 1

6. Please provide a one sentence “testimonial” about the CFC:

“This was a memorable interactive experience that I will remember as an important piece of my academic career for as long as I live.”

“The CFC is an amazing, educational program that teaches teens about the procedures and importance of forestry (and a sustainable method of forest management), put on by professionals who are very passionate about their job.”

“I’m not sure what’s building faster, my love for forestry or my resume, most definitely both at high speeds.”

“An excellent program for any students interested in a future career of science.”

“Yes, trees can be fun – best educational experience I’ve ever had in the way of fun and still learning!”

“It was a very informational and educational program.”

“If you love problem solving in the beauty of nature, join us at the Forestry Challenge.”

“This camp taught me skills I never even knew about prior, and now every time I am in the forest I will remember my good experiences here.”

“CFC has really been a fun place for me to learn about the forest and get closer to other people who share my interest in trees.”

“The Forestry Challenge helped me learn so much that can’t be replicated in class.”

“I love coming to the Forestry Challenge because I am able to experience different environments and learn a lot.”

“The CFC provides young adults with real world experience that tackle problems involving the environment’s health. It’s important that we practice these skills because it cultivated the mature and quick thinking we need for our future.”

“CFC is a great learning experience that isn’t taught in the most traditional setting - classroom and paper – but in the forest, for hands-on learning (practical application).

“The Santa Cruz Forestry Challenge is a place to learn and feel a connectedness to the place that gave us a home.

“The California Forestry Challenge was an amazing experience that I’d recommend to many.”

“Forestry is such a unique experience and I am so glad I participated.”

“CFC is a great, fun, educational experience with good people, good food, and a competition that actually makes a difference.”

“CFC has really helped me envision my future direction and the path to success.”

“My time here was amazing. I want to come back next year.”

“It’s more than good, it’s great.”

“The CFC gave me a fantastic opportunity to learn more about my area.”

“CFC is a great organization because it has given me insight on the forest and a great experience.”

“Julie was so great. She was really smart and friendly.”

“This competition was a great experience because we got to learn how to use gadgets I never knew how to use before and got to make lots of new friends.”

“The CFC program is great because it gave me a whole new insight on what forestry really is.”

“CFC is a great way to experience forestry while learning about it simultaneously.”

“The California Forestry Challenge offers abundance of new and interesting biological and mathematical activities which inspires your mind to absorb all this knowledge.

“The program was educational and fun and I absolutely loved it!”

“Great team event.”

“An amazing opportunity for academic professionals and students from all regions.”

“This is my first year in CFC but it is not my last. It was fun, stressful, and an amazing experience.”

“I absolutely loved it and will be back next year.”

“I love Forestry Challenge because not only did I learn a lot, but I had a lot of fun doing it.”

“I love California Forestry Challenge because not only did I learn about topics I had no knowledge in before, but I enjoyed my time here.”

“California Forestry Challenge is a great organization for high school students because it educates us about our own state and its most valuable resource, and it opens job opportunities that we may have never known.”

“This event is good because it allows people to gain collaboration skills and communication skills.”

“CFC was a fantastic group event, and let all of our school get closer as a group.”

“The Forestry Challenge is a good opportunity to learn about wildlife.”